# The Church of God Evangel

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak wth other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## GREAT REVIVALS ARE IN FULL BLAST IN MANY PLACES! PRAISE THE LORD!

## NEVER NEGLECT THE ALL IMPORTANT DOCTRINE OF ENTIRE SANCTIFICATION!

# SANCTIFICATION A WINNER

## A True Experience is Worth All It Costs And Then Some.

### Every Foot of Ground Must be Covered by Our Workers.

Sanctification, as a definite work of grace subsequent to regeneration, has ever had its opposers. The reason a person would want to oppose such a wonderful experience is indeed a mystery. It rather seems that the whole human race would want to get rid of a nature that makes men mean and cross disturbers of the peace of others.

In order to relegate sanctification from the catalogue of the Christian graces and experiences its opposers will resort to the most unreasonable methods. They say it is not a Bible doctrine, they sneer at the very name, they become bitter in their denunciation of those who claim the experience, they resort to an unfair application of the Scriptures to prove there is nothing to it, and almost every conceivable argument is presented to put it away from the reach of men.

But with all the oppositions, it has its place as a Scriptural doctrine. Paul was a holiness preacher, and it is from him we get much of our information that leads us into the experience. "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord." (2 Cor. 7:1.)

The promises referred to in this verse are named in the closing of the preceding chapter. They are promises of sonship and the divine indwelling upon the condition of separation from the sinful and the unclean. The persons addressed were believers, and hence were called "dearly beloved." They were most solemnly urged to seek a purified nature and to live a purified life. It will not be anything out of the way to briefly notice a few things in connection with our subject.

Many persons seem to have great trouble with the teaching that conversion does not necessarily imply entire cleansing. They cry out in surprise, Can God do a partial work? If He converts a soul, is not the change perfected? Does it not dishonor God to suppose that when He converts a soul an additional work is necessary to complete the reconstruction? To these and many other questions of the same import it may be answered that it is not God's plan to do the entire work of salvation at once, or else conversion, and entire sanctification as well, would be coetaneous with awakening. But awakening precedes conversion, and for the same reason entire purification succeeds conversion, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost follows entire sanctification. And there can be no doubt that the completeness of the work in these several stages is measured by the degree of conformity to the conditions upon which God acts. He does, in every case, a perfect work up to the measure in which the conditions are met. When the Creator grows an oak tree upon a barren and sterile place it is as perfect as the conditions will allow, though it is scrubby, knotty, and almost worthless. When He grows the same tree on a fertile and suitable soil it is sound, tall, comely, and useful for many valuable purposes. Some times He grows the oak on a fertile soil, raising it to large and beautiful proportions, but from some unknown cause the beautiful creation is rotten at the heart, hollow and useless. Among the animal creations there are many defective ones. Very few are perfect in symmetry and form, and fill the mold of perfect specimens of their kind. It is not strange, therefore, that there should be very great defection in the gracious work wrought in believers by the Holy Ghost, since this work is conditioned upon the believer's own conduct and faith. As the Creator makes all He can, or all that is possible, out of the tree growing in sterile soil, so He works in believers all the possibilities of their condition. And because the conditions of entire sanctification are met in different degrees by believers, corresponding degrees or measures of grace are received, enjoyed and lived. Hence, the Christians addressed in the text, like the great body of believers to-day, were not entirely cleansed, but were earnestly urged to seek for it.

Another implication of the verse is, that, believers may be entirely cleansed. Cleansing is an eliminating process, a process of removing filthiness from the things cleansed. The process of covering up uncleanness and letting it remain in the thing called cleansed is contrary to the thought expressed.

Greek scholars tell us that the verb used here is the same that is used in the gospels to express the cleansing or healing of the lepers. When the lepers were cleansed their disease was not concealed by some covering, but was verily and truly removed from the system. Their flesh came again as the flesh of a little child, healthy and free from disease. So, when a soul is cleansed in the sense of the text, its pollution is not covered over by Christ's righteousness but is really and truly removed from its being and essence. Any imputation of Christ's righteousness which involves the idea of covering the sins of the sinner, and leaving him in his uncleanness, is not the true Scriptural idea of imputed righteousness. The atonement provides for such a union with Christ that His life and purity shall flow through the believer, expelling all impurity and death, and assimilating him to the likeness and nature of Christ as the branch is assimilated to the likeness and nature of the vine. This is the Saviour's own figure.

Going into the Greek again it is clear that not only does the Greek verb signify a real cleansing, but, being in the aorist tense, indicating singleness of action, it gives no countenance to what has been called the repressive theory of entire sanctification. This theory holds that the carnal principle remains in the believer during life, and that entire sanctification is the grace that effectually and constantly holds the evil principles in repression. But the tense of the verb is fatal to this, as the tense expresses a finished action done once for all, and never to be repeated.

This tense and analogy is quite destructive also to the Zinzendorf notion, that entire sanctification takes place at the time of conversion, and to cleanse ourselves after that means to continue to clean, or to remain faithful. But this tense forbids the thought of continuity, and expresses the idea of a definite finished act. Had the apostle meant a continuous act he would have expressed himself differently. Hence there is nothing in the wording of the text to support either the repressive or Zinzendorf theory, but rather an order for a specific, definite cleansing once for all.

There is a sense in which purified believers continue to purify themselves, but it is not expressed in this verse. The believer puts himself at once, or by one act of faith, into the cleansing stream and is immediately made clean. He then continues in that stream, or continues faithful, and is kept clean. Purity is retained on the same condition that it is obtained, and to keep under the cleansing wave is to be faithful to the conditions of purity. Jesus expresses this continual cleansing by the figure of abiding in the vine. Believers at once, or by one act of faith, become united to the vine and receive His life and purity, and, abiding in this vine, they continue to receive His life and bear His fruit.

The above text denotes a necessity for personal effort. "Let us cleanse ourselves." This language would seem to intimate that the work is entirely our own; but all readily understand it to mean that we have an important part to act in our cleansing. We are to meet the conditions upon which grace and mercy are pledged to do the work for us. First, there must be a renunciation of every thing that may be called filthiness of the flesh and spirit. Every bodily impurity, all misuse and treatment of the body, all mistreatment of the mind by reading or communications with others, all improper meditations and imaginings, all uses of the senses and instincts which would awaken impure thoughts and acts, and, indeed, everything, real and imaginary, that would corrupt must be bandoned forever.

There must be a devotement of time, talents, money, influence, and every thing we possess, to the glory of God. All our dearest rights and life itself must be laid down at Jesus' feet and held subservient to the calls of humanity. This involves a separation of our affections from every thing lawful, so that nothing is done or enjoyed except in Christ. This disengagement of the affections from lawful things, so that they will not become the rivals of Christ, is a vital matter to purified believers, and is the point where they are most likely to stay. Having renounced every thing that is wrong, and devoted every thing that is good about us to the service of God, it only remains to believe that God, according to His promise, does now cleanse and purify. Upon the exercise of this faith the great transaction is done. The soul passes to a state of entire sanctification. The believer is truly cleansed from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, and is now ready to perfect holiness in the fear of the Lord.

We must not lose sight of the fact that entire purity may be developed and matured. "Perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord." Having obtained entire purity it is now to be carried into all departments of life, and our habits are all to be adjusted to this gracious state, or, perhaps, more properly, the gracious state is to assimilate to itself all our habits of business and life.

This grace cannot be retained unless it is cultivated and used. It must control us in the treatment of ourselves; it must mold our spirit and conduct with our neighbors; it must shape our course with our brethren in the Church, and it must mold the life which we live in ourselves. This continuous use of the grace is the "perfecting holiness" urged in the text; it is the "open face" by which we see, as in a glass, the divine image, and are changed from glory to glory as by the Spirit of the Lord. Indeed, sanctification is a winner, and a true experience is worth all it costs and then some.

This beautiful doctrine must be heralded everywhere, and every foot of ground must be covered by our workers. And they must be able to make clear the fact of an actual cleansing instead of a mere suppression. The old man is cleansed out of the heart by the precious blood of Jesus.

A man that is not clear on sanctification as a definite work of grace wrought in the heart subsequent to conversion is not a true-blue representative of the Church of God. We are no Zinzendorfians; neither are we in any wise favorable to the repressive theory. We are opposed to painting over the "old man" and leaving him in the heart. He must be completely eradicated—exterminated— crucified—killed—utterly rooted out.

There is so much "slush" and "make believe" holiness in the land to-day that it makes me want to insist on all of our ministers being clear and convincing on the subject as they go everywhere preaching and teaching the Word. We must show the people the need of sanctification, then that it is a Bible doctrine, then how they can obtain the experience.

Oh, how the people need a real experience of sanctification. It would be an antidote for many ills. I heard a story told of a holiness man and a "good baptist." They were fast friends and loved each other dearly but they could not agree on the doctrine of holiness. In a conversation one day the holiness man told the other that he was very anxious for him to accept holiness. He was afraid he would get into trouble, but his friend resented the exhortation and went on carrying the "old man" in his heart. He was the owner of a large ranch in Texas and had in his employ a number of men. In settling up with one of his men there was a difference of fifteen cents in their accounts. The hired man claimed his employer owed him this small amount, but being assured of the correctness of his account he refused to pay him. The matter was dropped, and passed over for the time, but occasionally it was revived with no definite settlement. Quite a while after the two men had had the disagreement the owner of the ranch was riding out over his possessions. As was his custom on such trips he had his gun with him. Unfortunately for him he met his former employee and they began talking again about the fifteen cents. They became very heated in their conversation until finally the former employee said something that made the other mad, and as quick as thought he pointed his gun at him and fired. The man was killed instantly.

When this was done and he came to himself he cried out from the agony of his soul, "Oh, if I had only taken my friend's advice and been sanctified, I would have been saved from this dreadful hour." He saw his need of sanctification after it was too late. Doubtless many have had similar experiences and become awakened to the need of the blessed experience of sanctification only after it was too late. It is worth repeating again and again, a true experience is worth all it costs and then some. And every foot of ground must be covered by our workers.

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There is much work that can be done by people who cannot preach. We need a thousand men and women to carry the printed pages and go from house to house and talk and pray with the people and leave the silent messengers to preach after they are gone. We will trust God for expenses to furnish the literature if somebody else will furnish the men and women. We will, however want every worker to work for the Evangel and get as many subscriptions as possible. Oh, we want you to help us spread holiness all over the world! We want to sow down the country with our literature.

You do not need to wait for a special call from the Lord to do this work, the call has already gone forth and all you need to do is to get the literature and go to work. We expect to keep our presses running day and night, if it takes it, to supply the literature. And we expect to pray and trust God day and night for the money for expenses. The work has to be done and we must do it.

And while you are going from house to house it will be good for you to get the names of those you visit, and their Post Office addresses and send to us so we can follow up your visits with something through the mail. We have already received thousands of names, thanks be to our friends, and we want thousands more.

Beloved, we want a lot of names in the states that we have not yet any work established. I will thank you for names of people in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticutt, Wisconsin, Minnesota, South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, besides any other place, and in the states where we already have work established. We want to fire this world and this is one way to do it, and this is one way for you to help us do it.

Doubtless many of you have been wanting to do something for the Lord, and are now waiting for an opportunity—well—this is surely your opportunity. Any of you can do this much service, and how can you measure the good that you may do in this simple way!

By the help of the Lord, this world has got to hear from us, and while our ministers are doing much faithful and efficient work, yet they are too few—they can't go everywhere quick enough, and the mails can go everywhere. Just think of it—we can prepare the message right here in the office—the full Bible message—the Church of God message, and drop it into the mail-bag right here and preach to the thousands who are hundreds and thousands of miles distant.

And we are going to do it—we are not going to fool about it any longer—we are not going to spare any amount of labor or expense—we are going to trust God for expenses—it has to go—Oh, it has to go! I am really getting frightened about this matter. It seems that we ought to have been doing more of this kind of work years ago and on up to the present, but truly, I was not wide awake about it as I am now. And I may not be yet as fully awake as I may be in thirty days from now. But, beloved, my soul is ablaze with the holy enthusiasm and I want you to give me names by the tens of thousands, and get all the subscribers you can every way you can, for you know there is no paper on earth like the Church of God Evangel.

Come along, my dearly beloved, let us speed up a little and go into this thing with more courage and determination than ever. We have already lost much valuable time because we were not fully aroused to a sense of our opportunities and now I feel like we must hurry up and make up as much time as possible. Give us names, get subscriptions for the Evangel, pray and work every way possible. The Lord will bless our efforts and bestow the rewards where they belong.

How many souls will be lost if we hesitate, is a thing to consider! The judgment will only reveal, but we cannot afford to hesitate and wait any longer. Time is speeding by too rapidly, and souls are falling into eternity all around us, besides Jesus is coming soon.

Beloved, one more appeal! Will you help us? You know sanctification is a winner, and a true experience is worth all it costs and then some. And I'm sure you will all join with me in saying, Every foot of ground must be covered by our workers. Please, beloved, let me kindly insist that every one of you do something toward this great war drive.

I am very anxious to have our hearts beat together in all of our work for the Master. I never want to undertake anything that I can't hope to have a good hearty "God bless you" and cooperation from all. We are ONE, and this means that our interests are the same, and we are bent on the biggest things for God of all the ages since the great commission was given by our Lord, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." (Matt. 28:19, 20.) And He is with us!

### Feels More Like Going Through Than Ever Before

Dear Readers Everywhere:

I praise God for a true salvation, and for what He has done for me. Seven years ago He saved me, sanctified, and baptized me with the Holy Ghost in a Pentecostal Holiness meeting, and to-night I feel the fire burning in my soul as never before. Oh! how I want to do something for Jesus.

I have been in the Church of God a year in April and I sure do praise the Lord for leading me this way, I love the dear old Church of God and I am praying that we may have one here. Oh! how wonderful to have the love of Jesus in our souls, and have the love in our hearts for every body. This is the love that is going to carry us through. Let us be faithful and true.

I am a crippled girl and the devil has done all he could to discourage me, but I feel more like going through tonight than ever before. I am not tired or discouraged for it gets sweeter day by day. I know with God all things are possible and there is nothing too hard for him to do, and I believe the Lord is going to heal me. Jesus healed the lame when He was here, also his apostles. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He healed my body last year when I had the influenza. Praise His name, for His healing power.

Your sister,
Lucile Bostwick.

# STOP THEM BIG DRIVES

## These Are Days For Doing Great Things For The Lord.

### You Wonder What Will be Called For Next.

No one has told me to stop them big drives so I suppose they will be continued. There is one thing about them, however, that is worthy of mention, and that is, that they are all meant for good and for God's glory. And, judging from the hearty responses that follow, there are multitudes that are in favor of them. The people see that we are trying to do something for the Master and they want to have a part in something that they know there is something in that is worthwhile.

Several years ago I incidentally wrote to a friend about a project I had in my mind—a special mission for the Lord. Sooner than I expected a letter came in response to the one I had written. The writer was delighted with my plans and outlines and wrote good words of encouragement. At the close of the letter were these words, "And I want a part in it."

Well, the project and plans were carried out to the letter and the results were far better than I expected. And some time during the campaign this same party contributed a nice little sum to aid me in the work. More than once this same party contributed to the great cause I had espoused. But finally the angel of death claimed this faithful servant of the Lord, but the work she helped to establish is still going on.

I have had many faithful friends who have stood by me along and along in my pilgrimage. Many touching letters for my encouragement have been received and many kind words spoken but probably none ever went quite so deep as a letter from a dear sister who stated she was living on short food and eating stale bread in order to have something to help in the work I was doing for the Master.

I do not know why my lot has been cast in such a field, where I have been kept on a balance much of the time—not knowing whether the work was going to be a success, or a failure that would bring me into disgrace and ruin. But God has always raised up help from some source, and quite often has brought it in just in time to save me from extreme embarrassment.

In my own mind, many times, I have decided that I would never get into a place again that would place me in such a close place as the one I had just passed through. I have promised myself that I would "stop them big drives," and stay within bounds of reason and not have to pray and beg God for help to get me out any more. But with all of my efforts to stay out of such things the deeper I get into them.

About half a mile from my father's home in Indiana where I was raised there was a big bog or quagmire. When I was growing up it was coverer over with a wild grass that made a sod over it until one could walk across it very readily. But my father knew it when there was no sod on its surface. He told of a friend of his who shot a deer that was trying to make its way across the bog. Without thinking where he was going he started to run to his game, but before he was near the deer he began to sink. He tried to pull himself up and go on, but it was all in vain. He tried to get back and failed in that attempt. So there he was, and the more he worked and plunged about trying to get out the deeper he went in the mire. At last he was down to his hips and still going down, down. But fortunately for him he had his gun in his hands and he layed it on the muck and bent over on it. He then began to call for help. There he was, in the middle of the bog, and a long distance from a settlement in that early time. But fortunately there were other hunters in the woods who heard his cries and went to his rescue. When they arrived they took in the situation at once and set about quickly to make a bridge of poles to get him out.

This is about the condition I have felt I was in many times—not in a bog of mud, but in some project or drive for the Lord that was more than I could pull over alone. I have prayed and fasted many times for three days at a time. This was my way of calling for help, and help always came, although sometimes it seemed very slow to me; but never so slow that I would get discouraged and give up.

I feel now like I am in another bog—the Auditorium debt, the Orphanage work, the expenses of the Publishing House, and the awful depression in business and money matters in the country, and many of our people without employment, the ministers to supply from headquarters, and many of them probably supposing we have more funds than we have, and them to keep up, and encourage, and supply, without enough to do it. All of these responsibilities and besides these coming upon me "the care of all the churches." I'll have to have some body to build a bridge of poles to get out to me to help me out.

These are days for doing great things for the Lord and we are doing great things—greater revivals have not been known among our people, and held by our ministers, than are in progress now, and surely this is an indication that we have God's approval of all we have done even if we are out in the bog. The man in the bog had killed his game, so we have the Auditorium, and the Orphanage already started, but we are in the bog waiting for the pole bridge to be constructed.

Many good friends and lovers of God have been helping, by gifts and loans, and these are all greatly appreciated, but we are obliged to still cry out for more help. A big note falls due tomorrow—well not exactly to-morrow—I had forgotten myself—but it is rather to-day—for the clock has already struck twelve (midnight) and the hands are rapidly moving on toward one. The Lord only knows what I will do, but I'm sure He will help me do something. No doubt but something unknown now will present itself before banking hours are over this afternoon.

We have many strong appeals to take children into the home—this means we will have to have more room, for the house we have is already filled almost to its limit in number. But the big drives are on and I see no chance to retreat or even call a halt. The only thing I see is the goal ahead. I do not look back. I remember Lot's wife. You remember her doom. We must not follow her example. We must keep our eyes on our Leader and go straight forward in all we have undertaken for Him. Time is too short to stop and rest awhile. We must be about our Father's business.

In the twentieth chapter of 1 Kings is given an incident that shows how a man failed in his duty toward God. The king had failed and the prophet told him of his failure by the use of a parable. "Thy servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man unto me, and said, Keep this man: if by any means he be missing, then shall thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt pay a talent of silver. And as thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone." (1 Kings 20: 33-43) How many people are busy here and there until some opportunity to do good has fled forever! Not me! Oh, not me! Oh, I don't want it to be me! And probably you as well as myself have certain charges delivered unto you to keep. I wonder if any of us are neglecting our charges. Oh, surely not, but it is well enough for us to "take stock" occasionally to see where we are in our service for God.

The days are slipping by so rapidly that it will not be long until my race will be run, so I must make the best of life now. I must hurry up and do what I am going to do. It is the same with you. You know it, oh, you know it! Then let us together make one more big drive. By this time you wonder what will be called for next.

The Sunday-school census drive is on now. Surely every overseer and pastor and class leader is aware of this by this time and probably all are working at it faithfully, or have completed it. I hope this important drive will not be neglected by any local church. Following this drive will be another, but we must get through with this one in order to have things ready for the next. I don't want any body to come up later and have to apologize and say, "While I was busy here and there, the time was gone." Now is the time to strike. Let us get through with this one so we can all be ready for the next.

Oh, these are days for doing great things for the Lord! And it is a source of great satisfaction and pleasure to all of us to know that the Church of God is so thoroughly organized, and the members are all so willing, so that drives can be made in such good systematic order. This is wonderful! The unity amongst us is already startling the world. We hope it can soon be said truthfully of us, "Behold the people is one, and they have all one language (1 Cor. 1:10); and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do." (Gen.11: 6) Oh, won't this be grand? And I tell you, we are going rapidly on the way to this end. The rebels are falling out and nothing but the true blue loyal members are remaining.

Oh, beloved, there are some BIG things just ahead for us. My bones and flesh are on fire, and my heart is melting with tenderness and love. Stop them big drives? No! How can we stop when God bids us go on to higher heights and deeper depths and declares that this whole world shall be filled with His glory! My soul! My soul!

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Please finish up the Sunday School Census drive as soon as possible.

If we don't do the work the Lord wants done He will dismiss us and raise up others to do it. But we must do it!

If you have not yet ordered your Sunday-school literature for next quarter you should do so at once.

We have taken six more children into the Home quite recently. Two are half orphans, and four are whole orphans. You know this means more expense. Pray please, and you know what else to do.

These are surely times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, judging by the gracious revivals God is giving our ministers and workers. Revivals equal to summer time and camp meeting outpourings have been running right through the winter months. Praise the Lord!

Every church should raise all the money they can for their pastors by collections to help out in this time while so many of our people are out of employment and are receiving nothing to tithe. We will not be able to meet the full needs of the ministers from headquarters this month because the funds we have are insufficient, but we are doing the very best we can with what we have.

I guess most of our large family of readers have noticed that we are beginning to use smaller type for the paper than has been our custom. I hope this will not inconvenience any one. Our reason for this is to get more matter in the paper. It adds a little more expense to us, but we are anxious to get in the paper all the news, reports, notices, testimonies, and articles that we can, so as to give our readers more reading and soul food as well as to make the contributors feel that we are not neglecting to use what they have sent in for publication. The Evangel is a great paper and we are doing our best to make it greater and better all the time. Use your best efforts to get new subscribers and help us extend the circulation.

Remember we furnish free Sunday-school literature to schools that need assistance in getting started. There ought to be a hundred new Sunday-schools organized in new places during the month of April. I hope our workers will spread out and open up new fields. If you know of a neighborhood that has no Sunday-schools, go to it and start a school. This may pave the way for a Church later. We will furnish the literature for the first quarter if you will furnish the school and send in your order. The Home Class work should be pushed in every school. This home class work should be extended to multitudes of outsiders as well as to our own people who can't get out to the main school. This is one way of getting the Church of God literature before outsiders in a way that it will be appreciated. If you don't understand the Home Class work write for printed instructions.

Oh, we are preparing for big things, and we want you all to help us. And you can help us in a thousand ways, but one of the principle ways to help is by prayer and supplication. I was greatly moved upon quite recently when I learned that a certain brother had prayed for me so long and with such earnestness that his voice was almost gone. He had prayed himself hoarse. Oh, I know many are holding me up in their prayers or I could not hold up under the tremendous strain from sixteen to eighteen hours a day. Oh, how much these prayers are appreciated! We are commencing this week to run a double shift. This means a double set of hands and running day and night when we get to running to the full capacity. I believe it is going to take this soon to meet the requirements and keep up the work. This will mean quite an increase of our expenses, but it will give greater capacity for producing and output, and by your prayers underneath I fully believe God will furnish the means by sales and donations.

## REPORTS

We have just closed a two weeks meeting near Keysville, Ga. The Lord was with us. Several holiness fighters who seemed determined they would never attend, came regularly and became very much interested.

Messages were given out in tongues and interpreted. The saints danced and shouted under the power of God. One brother came back to the Church. A regular appointment for preaching twice a month, also a Sunday-school with good results has started here now. To God be all the glory.

R. E. Hamilton and wife.
N. B. Osbon.
Mary Rouse.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

We have good news of great joy. Brother M. S. Haynes, our state overseer, and his wife have just closed the grandest and best meeting we have ever had at Dunn, La. Several were saved, several sanctified and eleven were added to the Church of God.

The members are divided into classes, captains over tens of all classes.

The Sunday school and the entire membership are under perfect submission to those that have the rule over them.

Yours in His service,
C. C. Stewart,
Dunn, La.

We are glad to report victory at this place, Wess, Ky. We wrote Brother Gammon, asking him to send us a pastor and he sent Brother J. F. Abbott of Somerset, Ky. Brother Gammon and Brother Nelson and wife came and held a twelve days meeting. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way, eleven were saved, seven sanctified, nine baptized with the Holy Ghost, two reclaimed, eleven added to the Church of God. Some followed in water baptism and the saints were strengthened. We have prayer service every Saturday night and Sunday. Pray for the good work to continue here.

Your humble sister,
Nannie Pemberton.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Evangel Family:

I report a great victory for this place, Alicia, Ark. I held a meeting for only nine nights and the Lord wonderfully blessed. The power of God was wonderfully manifested. There was much opposition as this was a Campbellite neighborhood, but we kept their fort shelled, and finally the victory came. Brother Francis Montgomery came to my rescue. He was not a Church of God man when he came but he was when he left. Brother A. J. Jenkins, the district overseer, was with us two nights. Hot lamp chimneys were handled under the power of God. A woman who wandered from the fold was brought back to the fold again, there was much rejoicing.

The country was stirred for miles around. But there came an eighteen inch snow and stopped us, but if the Lord is willing we are expecting a grand meeting later. Please pray for us at this place.

Your unworthy servant,
E. L. Pinkley.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greeting in Jesus' Name:

On Sunday, February 20th we closed a three weeks meeting at Logan, W. Va. The meeting was conducted by Brother Edgar Frey, and the Lord blessed him in giving out the truth. The altar was full every night. And we are praising our Savior for saving, sanctifying and baptizing twenty-two souls and adding twenty-four to the dear Church of God. The devil didn't like to give up so many.

One of the saints took a hold on the stove pipe and swung backward and forward around it, then threw her arms around the stove. One saint rolled her face around the pipe and another put her hand in the stove while there was a hot fire in it. Sinners came from the back of the house and felt of the stove but it was too hot for them to hold their hands on it.

Brother Drummond preached some good sermons for us and Brother E. C. Clark of Holden, W. Va., was with us on Sunday. God gave him a good message to deliver on the church and He sure did put His seal on it. I believe most every saint was on the floor dancing and praising God.

Your brother in Christ,
J. T. Wyatt.
Logan, W. Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

It may be encouraging to someone to give a report of the victory we had at Manor, Ga. My wife and I were there two weeks, and I believe God gave us the greatest victory we have had since we have been in the ministry, considering the condition under which we labored.

We found the Church practically dead. We gave out the Word and labored hard for a week, seemingly without any results. We were informed that the Church had been in order for five or six years without one convert. It seemed the same would result in our meeting, and we were almost persuaded to leave them, and shake off the dust of our feet, but we went down on our faces before God and cried to Him not to let His Church go down in disgrace and reproach. That night the old dry bones began to come together and the power of the Lord began to fall. The Holy Ghost gave the altar call through Mrs. Heath, and the altar was soon filled to overflowing with men, women, boys and girls. All began to call on the name of the Lord, the dry spell began to break away to the showers of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

Thirteen received the Holy Ghost, were added to the Church of God and were baptized in water. The presence of the Lord was never manifested any sweeter. While two girls handled the hot lamp chimney, three others held their hands in the flames for fully five minutes. The Church is greater strengthened and edified. Praise God. We give Him all the glory.

Your humble brother in the Lord.
S. J. Heath,
Hazlehurst, Ga.

### From the Battlefield

We have just closed a meeting at Daisy, Tenn. with Brother George Hensley in charge. Thirteen were saved, five baptized with the Holy Ghost and a Church of God set in order with nine members, also a Sunday school with forty-eight in attendance. The house was sure crowded every night. Much good has been done here, reports D. C. Wynn, Hixson, Tenn.

W. A. Baxter, West Palm Beach, Fla., reports a good meeting at the inlet. Thirty-three sanctified, eighteen baptized with the Holy Ghost, nineteen baptized in water and twenty-nine have been added to the church. Meeting still in progress at time of report, Brothers Milton Padgett and W. W. Rush helping with the meeting.

Within the last two weeks twenty have received the Holy Ghost, a number have been saved and sanctified, and nineteen have been added to the church, at Jacksonville, Ala. The saints are wonderfully blessed and the Ladies' Prayer Meetings have been a great help. The young people are planning to begin Young People's Meeting.

W. M. Newman and wife.

Sister B. L. Shepherd and husband have just closed a three weeks meeting at Glen St. Mary, Fla. Three were saved and sanctified and four received the Holy Ghost. Messages and interpretations were given out and the organ was played under the power. Brother E. E. Simmons, our pastor, and Brother Zeno Tharp were with us a few days, reports Minnie Rhoden.

We closed a meeting at Otis, Fla. Feb. 22, 1921. Six received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and four were baptized in water. We were there only eight days, we had to close on the account of our district meeting at Kiler, Fla., reports E. E. Simmons.

### DEMONS WERE CAST OUT

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am praising God for victory over the devil today. I praise Him because I know I am still saved, sanctified and the Holy Ghost still abides in my soul. I praise God for His healing power that healed my family of the itch. Praise His dear name. Two brothers and their wives were praying for us, and the Lord gave them the power to cast the demons out and my little eight year old boy saw three of them go out, saw one of them go into the fire and the others went over the lamp.

Your sister under the blood,
Mrs. Lizzie Snider.

### NOTICES

The Corinth district is a new district which is a part of the Eupora district and comprises the following counties:

Itawamba, Lee, Pontotoc, Lafayette, Union, Marshall, Benton, Tippah, Alcorn, Prentiss and Tishomingo.

E. C. Rider, district overseer.
Red Bay, Ala.

If any one knows the whereabouts of Alonzo Blaylock, please let me know at once. The last heard of, he was at West Tulsa, Okla.

Your sister in Christ,
Alice Wright,
R. 4. Pikeville, Tenn.

To all the Churches of God in the northern district of Ark. including Tyronza, Truman, Alicia, Imboden, Higden, Omaha and Roosevelt, my new address is Cherry Valley, Ark., Box 22.

A. L. Jenkins, District Overseer.

If any one in Oklahoma wants a meeting in the spring or summer please write me at Sapulpa, Okla. as I am now ready for calls. I want to do all I possibly can for my Master and His beautiful Church this year. Any one needing my service please write me at once.

A. H. Warbington,
Sapulpa, Okla.

The Ladies Sunday School Class No. 2 at Graysville, Tenn. has started to do her part to help the Orphanage and we hope that every Sunday school class will get interested too. We are now sending $6.65 for the Orphanage.

Yours to do our part in the Lord's service,
Graysville Class No. 2.
W. H. Lively, teacher.

To the Churches of Florida: I want to make an earnest appeal for you to see that your church is represented at the conventions. Those that attend the conventions say they are greatly benefited, so they return to their churches to encourage those who did not go. Some churches on the Jasper district were not represented. I am sorry they didn't attend, it makes a break in the services for your church not to be represented. Especially every minister on the district should attend. Let the churches meet before the convention and see that your church is represented.

F. J. Lee.

I have a new tent, 11 oz. duck, 40 ft. x40ft. round, with all equipments. Has been up only four weeks—now for sale, write for price.

A. J. Berry,
Whittaker, W. Va.

### CORRECTION

In the last Minutes, on page 25, near the center of the first column you will find this sentence—"Catholic children receive every year two hundred hours a week." It should have read, "Catholic children receive every year two hundred hours of religious instruction or four hours a week." Very sorry this mistake occurred, but hope it will be overlooked.

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## OBITUARIES

The death angel visited my home Dec. 3, 1920, and claimed for its victim, my loving husband, Robert McGhin.

He was a member of the Church of God and filled with the Holy Ghost, a faithful Christian and a loving husband. He was sick about three months but did not take his bed until a few days before he died. We had only been married a short time, when the Lord called him. It was hard to give him up, but Jesus knows best.

He leaves to mourn his death a wife and baby, four sisters and a host of friends. He will be missed very much in our home, in the Church and by many friends. His body was laid to rest in the New Hope Cemetery to await the resurrection morn.

I feel lonely, oh, so lonely,
Since my dear one went away;
But I hope by God's great power
To meet him again some sweet day.

In the graveyard softly sleeping,
Where the flowers gently wave;
Lies the one I love so dearly,
In his silent lonely grave.

Peaceful be your sleep, dear husband,
It is sweet to breathe your name;
In life I loved you dearly,
In death I do the same.

You will never be forgotten,
Never from our memory fade;
A loving heart will always linger,
Around the grave where you are laid.

His faithful and loving wife,
Minnie McGhin.

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Williams of Pell City, Ala. on February 26, 1921, and claimed their darling child, George, age 19 months.

Everything that loving hands could do was done, but God reached out His mighty hand and took him home to heaven to dwell.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother Will Purdy and the little body laid to rest in the Harper's Chapel cemetery.

Peaceful be your sleep with Jesus, George,
It is sweet to breathe your name;
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.

You will never be forgotten,
Never from our memory fade;
Loving hearts will always linger,
Round the grave where you are laid.

A friend who loved him,
Mrs. R. M. Gallups.

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Mure on Feb. 15, 1921 at Sesser, Ill., and took their little daughter, Hazel Mure, home to heaven. She was born at West Frankfort, Ill. June 9, 1912. She was 8 years, 8 months and 6 days old when she died.

During her nine days illness she talked of Jesus and His wonderful love and power to save. She called for Christians a number of times to come and pray with her. While our dear little Hazel was with us only a short time, her life has been a blessing to many.

She called her father and mother to her bed side, throwing her arms around their necks, and asked them to be better and live for Jesus. Oh! how we will miss her at Sunday school, but we weep not as those that have no hope.

The funeral was held in the Church of God, conducted by Brother Garrett White.

This lovely bud so young and fair,
Called home by early doom;
Called to show how a sweet flower
In paradise could bloom.

For sin can't harm or sorrow fade,
Death comes with friendly care;
This lovely bud to heaven conveyed,
And bade it blossom there.

One who loved her,
Della Sells.

The death angel visited our home on January the 29th, 1921, and claimed for its victim my loving husband, E Burnham, age 72 years.

He was not a member of the Church of God, but believed in the Church and her teachings.

He leaves a wife, seven children and twenty-seven grand children to mourn his death.

His request was that his funeral be conducted by Brothers J. Padgett and E. B. Culpepper which was carried out, and his body was laid to rest in Saseslanding Cemetery.

His loving wife,
Mrs. Izora Burnham.

On Jan. 22, 1921, the death angel visited the home of Mr. Shepherd Piner of Peletier, N. C. and claimed his loving wife, Emaline, age 55 years and 27 days.

She was not a member of the Church of God, but was a strong believer, and her request was that the saints pray and sing around her corps which was carried out. She was saved a year before she died.

We miss her so much as she was such a loving wife and mother.

She leaves to mourn her death a husband, five sons, five daughters, eleven grand children and a host of friends. She was laid to rest in the cemetery to await the resurrection morn.

Oh! we miss you, darling mother,
For we all loved you so well;
But dear Jesus loved you best,
For He called you home to dwell.

Her daughter,
Mrs. Annie Cole.

### Called Home

The death angel visited the home of Brother Butler of Carbon Hill, Ala. and called his wife home to heaven.

She was saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and a member of the Church of God. She was a loving wife and mother and her life was her testimony. She always said, "If it takes my life to bring my loved ones to Christ I am ready to go."

She leaves to mourn her death a husband, three children, a mother, four sisters, one brother and a host of friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother Simpson and she was laid to rest in Pisgah cemetery.

We loved her, yes pe loved her,
But Jesus loved her more;
And called her home to heaven,
To dwell for evermore.

Her loving sister in Christ,
Pairlee Romine.

The death angel visited the home of Mrs. Addie Utley, Frankfort Heights, Ill., Feb. 2, 1921, and claimed her husband, Everett Lapsley Utley, age 54.

After a short illness of eight days with much suffering, the Lord saw fit to take him away. He received the Holy Ghost about three years before he died. We have great hope that he is saved. His daughter-in-law was sick in another room, she was heard rejoicing and she stated that she saw angels, one on each side, come and take him away. About twenty minutes later he died.

He leaves a wife, two step sons, one step daughter, two daughters-in-law, other relatives and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

The funeral service was held at the Church of God and conducted by the pastor, John Attey, and the body was laid to rest at Frankfort Heights cemetery to await the resurrection morn.

His step son who loved him,
Glen Nichols.

## REQUESTS

Mrs. Ella Baxley, Fork, S. C., requests prayer for her unsaved husband and children.

Lizzie Rogers of Fork, S. C., requests prayer for her father and mother to be saved.

Lucile Bostwick, of Marietta, Ga. requests prayer for her loved ones to be saved.

Leanard Hix of Ranger, Ga., requests prayer that he will be healed of rheumatism.

Walter McNabb, Sandy Hook, Miss., requests prayer that he and his wife may be healed.

Julia E. Barnes of O'Brien, Fla., requests prayer that she will receive the Holy Ghost.

Ada Atkinson, Montgomery, W. Va., requests prayer for her mother and father to be saved.

Ruth Williams, Mayo, Fla., requests prayer for her father and mother to get the Holy Ghost.

Maggie Gilmer, Avalon, Ga., desires the saints to pray that her family may be saved and used of the Lord.

J. W. King, Lexington, N. C., requests prayer that he may be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

S. J. Brewer, Tyronza, Ark., requests prayer for his sister who has been afflicted for thirteen years.

Mrs. G. A. Casey, Rome, Ga., requests prayer for the healing of her lungs and catarrh of the head and throat.

Joannah Chadwick, Dayton, Tenn., requests the saints to pray earnestly for her sister to be completely healed.

Mrs. Marget Basenberg, Cleveland, Tenn., requests special prayer for her father to be healed of heart trouble and saved.

Bessie Lee Peters, Shelby, N. C., requests every saint to pray that the Lord will give them a church building at that place.

L. J. Vollrath, West Union, S. C., requests prayer for his unsaved brother and friends, and that he will get closer to the Lord.

Mrs. Mary Rogers of Fork, S. C., requests prayer for her unsaved father, mother, brother and sisters. Pray for the church at Fork, S. C.

Mrs. Sam France, Mogg, Ky., requests prayer for her and her little girl to be healed. Pray for her husband and loved ones to be saved.

Lou Brown, Pleasant Hill, Tenn., desires special prayer for her mother to be healed of consumption. Also pray for her unsaved husband and children.

### Cordova, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

Praise God for victory in my soul. I am glad I am a member of the great Church of God, and thank Him for the government of the church.

I am glad we can be sanctified through the blood of Jesus, and have the sweet Holy Ghost that leads us in the paths of righteousness. Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, and good will toward men.

A sister under the blood,
Julia McCoy.

### Parkersburg, W. Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints—Greetings in the Precious Name of Jesus:

I am glad to report victory in my soul and I can feel His presence rolling over my soul. I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Praise His dear name! And I am so glad I belong to the dear Church of God. My heart's desire is to stand true to the end and do God's will.

I want all the saints to pray for my husband to stand true to Jesus, and that my children will be brought up in this way.

Your sister in the Lord,
Mrs. Mary V. Swesey.

### He is Always Ready to Help Us

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am praising God this morning for full and free salvation.

I love the dear Church of God and her teachings. Praise God! I praise God for His wonderful healing power that can heal our bodies when we get sick. Glory to God in the highest. I praise Him because He saved me from sin, hallelujah, sanctified me with the precious blood, and then gave me the sweet Comforter that still abides.

Oh! He is always ready to help us when we need Him. I am so glad I ever found this way, this true way. Praise God! I am in the way, and the way in me. I want to be a soul winner for Him, for He is coming soon to catch away His bride and I want to be ready and waiting to go.

Your sister in Christ,
Almeeda Mosgrove.,

### The Spirit Seemed to Be in a Hurry

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am praising God for salvation through the precious blood of Jesus. He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. Glory to His name!

I know He wants me to be a messenger for Him, He wants me to carry it to this lost and dying world. I had a vision about Jesus coming soon; I could see the little papers as they would fall into my lap, I could see a little messenger boy, and he said, "Go tell the people they must die, and what ever they say to you, tell them to talk to God." In the vision the Spirit seemed to be in a hurry.

I am praising Him for the dear Church of God which I am a member of. Glory to Jesus! I praise Him because I have been redeemed by His precious blood.

Saints will sing redemption's story
with their voices clear and strong,
When the redeemed are gathering in.
Then the angels all will listen, for
they cannot join that song,
When the redeemed are gathering in.

I praise Him for the deep determination to go all the way.

Mrs. A. D. Green.

### Are We as Merciful as We Should Be?

Dear Brother and Sister Tomlinson—Greetings in the Name of Jesus:

I still have the victory in my soul and I am praising God for ever finding this way of holiness. I thank God because He saved me, sanctified me wholly and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and added me to the Church of God. Hallelujah to the Lamb of God! I am so hungry for more of God. I live in a place where there is no Church of God and only those who have gone through the same experience can tell and know how I desire to be with the saints and in a good holiness meeting. Oh, my soul is so hungry for spiritual food. I am the only one in my home that is a Christian. The enemy tries hard to block the way and make me fall, but James 4:7, 8, tells us, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded." I had rather my home would turn against me than to deny my blessed Saviour and fall back into sin like I once was. I often think how merciful our heavenly Father is to bear so long with us. I can't thank God or praise Him enough for what He has done for me. And I often ask myself this question, "Are we as merciful to one another, as we ought to be? Are we as willing to forgive and forget the wrong that has been done to us?" For as far as the east is from the west so far has our Savior removed our transgressions from us.

I want to be more perfect, live for Jesus, and be a power in His hands, and my life to be a light to some poor soul. I want to hold out faithful to the end.

A child of God,
Ludema Byrd.

### The Bride and the Bridegroom

W. T. Aiken

To whom shall I my love compare? Fairest of the fair. Soon His glory I shall share in the meeting in the air. There is a mighty stir going on in the earth these days. Not in the earth only but in the heavens also; a mighty preparation for a swiftly approaching and mighty event; continuous tremors of excitement are thrilling the bride and her friends. As with loving hands all a tremble with haste, she is donning her finely embroidered wedding gown and minutely inspecting her trousseau; her sandals are upon her feet. She is hastening her finalspreparations. As the mighty event approaches—an event so mighty and near that as it looms and lowers above her, the shadow of its near approach excluded all else from her view. There is a mighty examining of lamps; vessels of oil are being investigated, and those whose oil has either leaked out or has been consumed are rushing breathlessly to Him who has to sell. Matt. 25. People who intend to be present at the meeting in the air are leaving business and cares of this life and earthly duties and with hasty feet are rushing on trains, in cars everywhere to camp meetings and revivals in search of oil for their lamps. There is a great washing of robes in the blood of the Lamb.

Clear clarion calls are penetrating the night commanding sleeping virgins everywhere to awake saying, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh." The bride is yearning for the Bridegroom. The wife is making herself ready; a great longing is filling her, love that naught but He can satisfy. Her eyes are lifted to the clouds with unspeakable yearning and her eyes have caught the vision. She has caught one glimpse of His face. Bless the dear name of Jesus. Sure He is smiling on her just now and she is on tiptoe with upturned face, watching, waiting, longing to behold His face, Him whom her soul loveth. Her ears have caught one strain of the heavenly anthem. She has heard His voice. There are many faces and voices about her but they cannot win even a fleeting glance. She is waiting, looking, searching the sky through the darkness and gloom of the night. Expectant tear dimmed eyes and upstretched hands the messenger whom God has sent, even the Holy Ghost to seek and bring the bride for His Son, the heavenly Isaac, is gathering together those who have said, "I will go with this man." Gen. 24:58, and is getting them upon the Holy Ghost elevator, which is to lift them up to Him and will never leave the bride until she is safe in the arms of her Lord. In heaven also a mighty preparation is going on. The angelic host are assembling. There is a great tuning of harps and stringed instruments. The heavenly orchestras are learning the bridal song for the grand occasion, the greatest day ever known in heaven when the Son is to clasp the wife of His bosom into His arms. All the eyes of heaven are gazing upon the bride.The bridegroom is overcome of love for her. Song of Sol. 6. The very air is tense with expectancy as the day approaches.

Suddenly the starry floor of heaven are split in twain. The faith of the bride has not been in vain. He that has promised has fulfilled His word; He has kept His promise; the heavens are opened and suddenly the rays of light from the throne penetrate and illuminate the gloom of earth. Her enraptured, upturned face is transfigured with His radiance as she beholds His pierced feet descending and then His whole form in wondrous resplendent robes of light. The whole heavens are filled with clouds of angels, myriads of angelic hosts and with leaping bounding hearts her eyes at last behold His face. Every harp, every stringed instrument, every trumpet in the orchestra of all heaven strike and hold one long sweet note that shivers the silence and exploits with rapturous melody. At the sound a mighty quaking and trembling stirs the earth. The graves burst open. The same spirit that raised Jesus from the dead shall quicken their mortal bodies and at the call of that rapturous music they rise, clad in white robes of His righteousness and with upturned faces and outstretched hands, they bound forth and upward through the air toward that glorious form that is radiating the heavens and filling them with splendor. At the sound those waiting upon the earth are transformed. The laws of gravity lose all control and power to hold them from Him who waits with outstretched arms as He decends with a shout."Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away." Song of Sol.2:13. The mortal puts on immortality and the corrupt puts on incorruption. Thanks be to our blessed Lord. Her eyes have seen Him face to face; her joy is full; she is sweeping through the air to meet Him and He towards her; with outstretched hands they meet.

Oh, that meeting in the air! at last He clasps her in His arms;she for whom He died to purchase with His own blood without spot or wrinkle. He has waited so long. At last she lays her queenly head upon the bosom of Him for whom she lived and has pictured so often in her dreams. He wipes away all tears; their lips meet as they embrace. All heaven rocks and sways and trembles as every musical instrument bursts forth with the might and majestic splendor of the wedding song that rises and rises, echoes and reechoes through the air. All heaven has come forth to behold the meeting in the air and to welcome the bride, "For the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready." Rev.19:7. Then they rise together. The heavens roll together again and deeper darkness settles on the earth but beyond the starry floods of heaven is great jubilation. Myriad hosts of angels are banked tier upon tier as far as the eyes can see on either side of the long path that leads to the throne upon which rests a cloud of radiant glory to the strain of that wondrous wedding march. He leads her leaning upon His arm towards the throne and presents her unto His Father, spotless, blameless, in radiant purity, clad in His righteousness and power. Then follows a wonderful ceremony, so wonderful that it is unlawful for men to describe, and then the marriage supper will take place where the bride and her friends are served with joy unspeakable by angelic hosts in robes of white. They eat and drink together the wine of their Father's kingdom anew, she cares but for one, her Lord, her Savior, her King, her Husband. All tears are dried forever. Rev. 21:4. Darkness has vanished away. Rev. 21:23. Naught from her Lord shall ever sever. She will dwell in His presence forever and ever.

Who is this clad in this splendor of the sun? It is Jesus, the Holy One; the rainbow of peace is under His feet and in Him the Godhead power is complete. Dear ones, are you ready for the meeting should He come today? Would you be ready? If not, get ready for He is coming soon.

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### Trust God and Hold to His Unchanging Hand

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Saints Everywhere:

I am glad I have victory in my soul today. Glory to His precious name. I praise God for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. I also praise God because He added me to the precious Church of God.

Dear girls and boys, this is the only sure way to get to heaven and meet Jesus in the air. Trust God and hold to His unchanging hand. I praise God for the little band of saints at Jones Chapel.

Your sister in Jesus,
Ethel Robison.

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### Horse Branch, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Saints Everywhere—Greetings in the Name of Jesus:

I am thanking God for this great salvation, I praise God for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. Praise God, it is for the young as well as the old. I thank God for the good Sunday school and prayer meeting at Salem. I thank Him for the dear brother He sent to be our pastor this year for He sure gives out the Word with power.

Your humble sister in Christ,
Alliene Basham.

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### Has More Love Than Ever Before

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints Everywhere:

I praise God this morning for ever picking my wife and me up out of sin and placing us on the solid rock foundation. I praise Him because I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I have more love in my heart than ever before and determined to go all the way with Him.

We find in 1 John 3:4, 6-9, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him neither known him. Little children, let no man deceive you. he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil: for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: And he cannot sin, because he is born of God."

I used to have many friends when I was in the world, but since I have received the Holy Ghost they have turned their backs on me, but I would not give my salvation since I have gotten the Holy Ghost for this whole world. I am a member of the dear Church of God and although they hate me it does not keep me from praying for their souls.

I have moved eight miles from the Church of God, but our pastor, P. W. Hackney, and Brother Joe Smith held prayer meeting at my home last Tuesday night,and the house was crowded. All seemed to be hungry for the gospel.

Your brother in Christ,
George Varnes.
Bridgeport, Ala.

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### Wonderful to Have the Comforter

To All the Saints Everywhere:

I praise the Lord this morning for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost a year ago last May. Praise His name. It is wonderful to have the Comforter to walk in you and lead you in the footprints of Jesus. I was a member of the Methodist Church ever since I was six years old and was until the Lord showed me the light on the dear Church of God. Oh! how I do rejoice today because I am in the strait and narrow path which brings such love, joy and peace which nothing can disturb.

Pray for my unsaved husband, children and friends that they will be saved before it is too late.

Your sister looking for Jesus.
Mrs. Minnie Smith.
802 Callaway Ave.,
Lagrange, Ga.

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### Fund for Bible Training School

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am inclosing money order for five dollars. I would like to start a fund in the Church of God for the Bible Training School, to assist young people who are not able to go themselves. I believe when this is known many people will respond. This is only a suggestion. I believe there are many who would like to take advantage of this training. If they were able and I believe when the Lord said to pray for the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His vineyard that He expected us to help answer our own prayers by assisting in any way we can to send them out equipped and established so that the wolves in sheep's clothing will not sidetrack and lead them off into the many false doctrines of the day. I expect to send five dollars each month on this fund.

Your sister in Him,
Mrs. W. E. Harrison.
Sacramento, Calif.

(This is copy of a letter received in our office a few days ago with the amount of five dollars. Surely every one realizes that more laborers are needed and we need trained laborers as never before. Many want the training but are not able to attend the Bible Training School. Will you help this sister in carrying out the plan she has begun? We conclude it is a good one.—Ed.)

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### A Plea for Help

To All the Saints Everywhere:

I am thanking and praising God for salvation and for the blessed Holy Ghost that is burning in my soul day by day. Praise God! I praise Him for the Church of God which I am a member of.

We are having good prayer meetings in our neighborhood, souls are being saved, there are about twenty-five seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We are in need of some preacher and workers here at Heathman, Miss. and if we could get a Church set in order I believe we would have at least fifty members to start with.

Pray for me.

Your brother in Christ,
J. A. Dyson.

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### Good Work in Nashville

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and the Evangel Family—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I praise God through the White Winged Messenger. I love to praise Him for His goodness to me, for saving, sanctifying, and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost and fire. He came in and testified for Himself as Jesus said in John 15:26, and I was added to the great Church of God, "the pillar and ground of the truth." 1 Tim. 3:15. He has given me faith to trust Him for both soul and body for four years and a half. I praise Him for victory in my soul today and for the determination in my heart to go all the way with Him.

We are thankful for our pastor and wife, Brother and Sister T. A. Richard, they are building the work here in Nashville, Tenn. People are getting saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost, and the sick are being healed. How I praise God for this strait and narrow path, "Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Matt. 7:14.

Saints, I realize that the children of God ought to draw closer together in love, and live true and humble for Jesus is soon coming. We have no time to talk about persecutions, but must keep busy about our Master's work.

I desire your prayers, that the Lord will keep me humble and that I will do His will.

Your sister under the blood,
Nora Dobbs.

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### The Lord is Blessing

Dear Evangel Readers:

I am still in the way with victory in my soul. Praise the Lord! I am still on the battlefield for my King and expect to be until Jesus gets through with me.

I want to praise the Lord for healing my body about five weeks ago. I was in a meeting at Oakway, S. C. The enemy afflicted my body and I thought possibly my time was over here in this world but I was ready to go. I would have been glad to have gone if it had been the Lord's will. It was wonderful how the Lord raised me up as the saints prayed for me. Saints, it surely means much to trust the Lord and to be ready and willing to go. When one is in good health he does not realize what it means but when our bodies are wrecked with pain and we are near death it means something to say, like Job, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him." Job.3:15. When we trust the Lord we must be willing to live or die rather than use a remedy. I would not take one drop of medicine to stay out of glory. I am going to trust Him to the end at any cost. If we live divine healing, then we can preach it good. Let us practice what we preach.

The Lord is still blessing in the work for Him. We closed a meeting at West Minster, S. C., not long ago. Some had said the church was about dead but we held on to God by fasting and praying and before the meeting closed seven were saved, two sanctified and the saints seemed to be greatly revived. There was much dancing, shouting and talking in tongues. Surely the people there decided that our Redeemer still liveth and we are not dead.

We are holding meeting here at Hartwell in the church and homes. The Lord has blessed in every service. Two have been saved and many are becoming interested. New homes where Church of God doctrine has never been preached are calling for meeting.

Recently we held a meeting with Sister Gaines, a very feeble sister, at Bowersville, Ga. This was on her seventy-eighth birthday.The Lord surely blessed. She hadn't been able to attend services but she shouted, danced and talked in tongues that day. At the same service a brother who was crippled by a gasoline engine falling against him was there. He walked very badly but we prayed for him and the Lord made him whole. He danced as if he had never been hurt. All glory be to God!

I am glad the signs will follow those who believe. I am so glad I ever found the Church of God. I love her more and more and expect to stand for her till Jesus comes. She is hated more than any other way, that is one proof that we are right. But, best of all, we have the Bible. All the opposers and fault finders can't hinder her from rising and shining and going up when Jesus comes, so let us stand for the church with her government, live the gospel, preach it plain and simple and try to lead people in the light—not drive them. Jesus loved the church so much that He died for her, Acts 20: 28, so we love her too.

I expect to do more for Jesus this year than ever before. Most of my time will be spent in evangelistic service this year. If you need me, write me. May God bless the saints everywhere. May we all be up and doing while 'tis day, the night will soon come when we can't work,

Your sister in the faith,
Myrtle Whitehead.
Hartwell, Ga.

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### Hungry to Be With Saints

Dear Saints Everywhere:

I praise God tonight for the many blessings He has given me. I am so glad I have a determination to stand true and that I have the blessed experience of being saved, sanctified through the precious blood of Jesus that was shed on dark calvary for us, then He gave me the Comforter, the Holy Ghost. Praise His dear name! And I have been added to the Church of God. My membership is at Offerman, Ga. but we live at Charleston, S. C. or Port Terminal where we don't hear the gospel preached. We get the Evangel paper and how we praise God for it.

I have no one to talk with or pray with, and how hungry I am to hear the gospel message and be with the saints once more. I hope I will meet you around the great white throne where we will sing and praise God forever.

I was away from my husband when I received the Holy Ghost, and he has never heard it preached. He is an unbeliever. Pray that God in His great mercy will open up the way and send some one here to preach. I know much good could be done here. Pray for my unsaved husband and children.

Your sister under the blood,
Mrs. L. B. Benton.
Port Terminal, S. C.

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### The Fruit of the Righteous Is a Tree of Life

To all the Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name:

How I praise God for full salvation. My husband and I received the Holy Ghost. We walked in all the light we had, praying and fasting for the saints and ourselves. We prayed for the sick and the Lord healed all manner of diseases.

About two and one half years after we received the Holy Ghost Brother Brouayer came, preaching the full gospel. I told my husband I believed he preached about being added to a church and that I was not going to join another church. I began to fast and pray for God to show me if they were preaching the truth because I wanted to go with Jesus when He came. The Lord wonderfully opened my mind to the fifth chapter of Ephesians and, praise the dear Lord, I walked in the light. I asked God to forgive me for speaking about things I did not understand and what a wonderful time we had when we were added to the Church of God. I am so glad I am a member.

About two and one half years later we left Fannin county and came to Lubbock county to a place where there was no Church of God. Last summer there was a church set in order with fourteen members. Four have received the Holy Ghost since the meeting, in the homes, but we have a good church building now. We were turned out of the school house but we have a place now that belongs to Him. How we praise Him for it. We have a nice Sunday school every Sunday.

The Lord has surely blessed us. How I praise Him for His goodness to the human race. "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise." Prov. 11:30.

May God's richest blessings be upon Brother Tomlinson and wife and each member of the church.

Your sister looking for Jesus,
Minnie Anthony.
Lubbock, Texas.

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### Help the Orphanage Work

Dear brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints Scattered Abroad—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

This morning finds me praising God for free and full salvation. I praise Him for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. Praise His dear name. I am praising God because He showed me the light on His Church, and added me to it. I praise Him for the Church governments for with our government we are divided, and a house divided against itself will fall.

I praise God for the Sunday School at old Salem church and many seem to be interested that are going. We have been taking up "birthday offerings" for the orphanage and this is the way we manage it. We have a little box and when our birthdays come, or the following Sunday the little children are lined up and the one whose birthday has just past drops as many pennies as he is old, counting them out loud. The people are becoming enthused and numbers are coming on Sunday to pay their birthday offerings.

Of course we explain to them what all of this is for. I think it would be a good plan for every Sunday school to help push the orphanage to the front, for there is no greater work than for people to build a home for the poor little orphans. There they can be taken care of, and be taught about our wonderful Savior.

Your brother under the blood,
I. M. Basham.
Horse Branch, Ky.

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### Trust the Lord for Your Healing

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for this full and free salvation. I am so glad we can know when we have passed from death unto life. I praise Him because I am saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues, and have been added to the great Church of God. Oh! how I love this good holy way, it just suits me. Praise God forever!

Oh! how I praise God for His great healing power. I was in a bad condition a few weeks ago and my husband wanted me to go to the doctor so I went and he told me if I were not operated on right away I would die. But I decided I would trust God as I had been doing for over four years, and He has never failed yet. Praise His name. If He had not healed me I was ready to die. I had the saints here to pray for me and I sent a handkerchief to Brother Tomlinson to anoint, and today I am completely healed. I give God all the praise for it was through His mighty power that I am living today. I desire the prayers of the saints that my family might be saved, and that I will stay humble.

Your sister in Christ,
May Baldwin,
Eldorado, Ill.

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### There's Nothing to Go Back to

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Dear Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I praise the dear Lord for this full and free salvation. Praise God. I am still saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

I have been in this way almost two years, and the way grows brighter and sweeter each day, thank God. I have no intention of ever going back into this world, for I have nothing to go back for. Oh! what there is to press forward for, the great reward we will get at the end of the way—greater than anything this world could ever give us.

I am only thirteen years of age, but not too young to serve the Lord. Praise His holy name. I am going to school now and of course I have many trials and temptations but by God's help I mean to be faithful to the end. I want all to pray for me that I will be a soul winner for Jesus.

Your little sister in Christ,
Maggie Anna Jaco,
Campaign, Tenn.

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### Pays Tithes and Receives Blessings

Dear Evangel Readers—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am praising God for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost, and because I am a member of the great Church of God.

We are having some good meetings, many are getting saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Also many are coming into the Church of God.

I have just had a long talk with Jesus, glory to God! It is wonderful how we can talk to Jesus and He will talk with us. My soul is full of glory this morning. I do not know why I am so happy but Jesus says in Mal. 3:10, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith, the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." That is why I am so happy because I pay tithes and Jesus surely does what He says He will do. Glory to His name. I must go on and hurry and do what God wants me to do. Jesus says, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."Praise the Lord. I want to lift Jesus up to this lost and dying world.

Your sister in Jesus,
Carrie Murphy.
Augusta, Ga.

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### Thoughts of Heaven and Departed Loved Ones

Thou art gone, our precious darling,
Thy face on earth no more we see;
Oh! can you come, our precious darling,
Back again to mama and me?

Oh, no, you cannot come back, precious,
From over yonder by the sea;
But by the grace of God the Father,
We will come across to thee.

As this train speeds fastly onward,
Passing the mile post one by one;
Time is also swiftly gliding,
Soon our work here will be done.

I am thinking as we travel,
Back to where we parted with thee;
Of the time when we will meet thee,
Over yonder by the sea.

Oh, it is sad to travel homeward,
Where we'll miss your loving face;
And those sweet little footsteps,
As they went from place to place.

But we fancy that we see thee,
Over on the golden shore,
Where no sickness, pain nor sorrow
Can come to thee never more.

As the train goes rocking onward,
"The whistle blowing loud and shrill;
I am thinking of the Gospel Railroad,
On which we'll travel up Zion hill.

Soon we'll reach the Union Station,
And you'll be waiting for us there;
To take us to that bautiful mansion,
That Jesus went to prepare.

Oh, I know that you are waiting,
And we are anxious now to come;
But we must work a little longer,
Till Jesus says, Enough, Well done.

Soon we'll hear the signal whistle,
Blowing for the station grand;
Then the gospel train conductor
Will say, All off for heaven's golden strand.

When the train has reached the station,
And our journey here is o'er;
Then we'll meet thee, precious darling,
Where parting comes no more.

Speed on O train of time so weary,
Let the days go passing by;
For we are anxious, oh, so anxious
To reach our home up yonder in the sky.

Written on Dec. 30, 1920, while in a shower of falling tears, as we were thinking of heaven and our darling who has left us for that home up yonder.

J. P. Hughes.

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## The Church of God, the Body of Christ

The thought of the church is the most beautiful view of salvation. Not only because it is the Bride of Christ, clothed with fine linen, clean and white, but presents the thought of perfect unity and love in its purity. Now the church is the body of Christ, the body and members in particular with Christ as the Head. We are not separate of ourselves but are of one another and Christ. Who would offend himself? Who would not protect himself, his part in God? None, no, not one.

How much do we talk of our own fault? Just as much as we are the keepers of others who are parts of the body of Christ just as much as we are keepers of our own selves: Who would wound the body of Christ, the immaculate Son of God? Woe unto him who offends one of His little ones, the same offence is to God Himself. What carefulness this calls for. We have no need of being in the dark for we have His Word, and playing ignorant will not excuse us anylonger.

The view of ourselves being a part of Christ will help us to love others as we love ourselves, and enable us to consider others as we consider ourselves. May it cause us to pray for others and take the interest in others, as bearing the sorrows and joys of others as our own. Seeing ourselves in the body may inspire us to do our part in the service of the Lord. We do not want to hinder the life of the church by being a member that is of no use. Though little be our talent or calling, it is needful. The life and works of every member is essential for the highest standard which we all desire, and indispensable to a perfect body.

Sometimes the little unseen forces or duties prove to be the foundation of great things. Oh may we have a tender conscience toward Him that will cause us to do what we can. There is one thing all can do, and that is, pray. Let us begin at this as a life's duty and do all other things possible for our Lord and His church.

In the body of Christ we do not look for hatred, variance and divisions; but peace, love, patience, longsuffering and joy in the Holy Ghost. "Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation." Isa. 12:3. See St. John 6: 35, "And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."

How tenderly and lovingly we should regard the church, the body of Christ. Being in the body enables us to lift up Jesus to the lost world. Like Mary anointed the body of Jesus with precious ointment, so let us anoint His spiritual body with much love, continuing in prayer and supplication. Let the Church of God be lifted up on the mountain tops, where the world can see it and sinners may change their lives from sin and come to the fold. Praise God forever for His church. Let us pray, hope and believe and endure all things for her sake, and stand by the church.

Your humble sister,
Mrs. Ella Jackson,
Somerset, Ky.,

## Delighted to Hear Full Gospel Preached

Dear Evangel Readers:

I am praising God this morning for victory in my soul. I am glad I can trust Him for both soul and body. I have always had a desire to live right. When about fourteen I was made to see my lost condition, I repented and God saved my soul. I joined the Methodist Church, as it was the only church I knew that preached much Bible. I lived saved in the Methodist Church for a while, but as we members failed to pay the preacher the amount promised, they quit coming, the church went down and members also.

Later a Church of God preacher, Brother W. A. Capshaw, came to Dunn, La., preaching the full gospel. I was much delighted to hear the full truth preached, but was a little backward in accepting, as the people that had accepted and were baptized were known as the "Noisy Crew." I really loved to be among the people. The name "God" was knocking at my heart and this Scripture came to me, "Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you," and I didn't want darkness to overtake me so I accepted the full gospel. God saved, sanctified, and filled me with the Holy Ghost and gave me a determination to go all the way. I thank God, I have been in this holiness way over four years and have never grown tired. I am more determined than ever to go all the way, and do more this year for Jesus than ever before.

I have a mother, brother and sister who have accepted full salvation and are pressing on to the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus. Have four brothers who are out in sin. I desire the prayers of all who read this to pray for them, that they may accept Jesus and do His will.

I am glad that I accepted Jesus and on the way to glory. Pray for me that I may ever be humble and do what God wants me to. Also pray for the work here.

Your sister in Jesus,
Amanda L. Fuller,
Dunn, La.

## Church of God Plainly Revealed

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I want to praise the Lord tonight for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost about seven years ago. I was a member of the Pentecostal denomination until about three years ago. I began feeling like I was going to sleep spiritually, and all the rest, and I began praying to the Lord to send a revival to wake us all up, and He sent Sister Hurley, a Church of God preacher, here to hold a meeting. I received the light on the church and came into it. I love her and her government better every day. The Lord has been my healer for the last seven years. He is blessing me many ways.

He gave me a wonderful dream the other night. I dreamed that we were in a meeting, and there was a crowd of Pentecostal people there, and one of the leaders of the Pentecostal band who has opposed the Church of God was there also. We were praying and I was praying for a sister that had just come into the church to receive the light on the church, and it seemed that she could not receive the light. I left her and knelt among the other Pentecostal people and began praying and all at once there seemed to appear before us a great green pasture and a great wall around it. A voice said, "This is the Church of God," and every body around began to shout, the leader of the Pentecostal band was shouting and I was surprised as I had never seen him shout before and—something said, "He is shouting to try to make all of you think he has the victory even if he has not come into the church."

It seemed that the beautiful green pasture which I thought was the Church, looked so beautiful till I felt like shouting too, but the Spirit said for me to keep praying till all of them received the light on the Church. And I intend to keep on praying till all the true sheep in the Pentecostal movement have come to the fold (The Church).

Ella Howell.

## Praising Him For Salvation

To All of God's Children Everywhere—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

How my heart goes out to God in praises for His blessings to me. It is wonderful what He has done for me. He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost over four year ago and the Comforter still abides. It is still dear to me. I also praise Him for adding me to His church.

Pray that I may be used for the Savior's glory and be a loyal worker in the church at Branford and that we will do more for Jesus another year than in the past.

Your sister,
Ola Milford.

## Delivered From Spiritualism And Healed

Mrs. A. J. Seccombe

When asked if I were willing to let my testimony go out into all the world, how the dear Lord Jesus had delivered me and healed my body, I said, "Yes, Lord, if it will be for Thy glory." What a blessed privilege to testify to what Jesus has done for me. So I send this testimony forth in His dear name with a prayer that God may use it for His glory and for the glory of Jesus, my precious Saviour.

This is just a brief testimony of how I was led into Spiritualism and a miraculous deliverance from the enemy before affliction was laid upon me. It is blessed and joyous to tell HOW the dear LORD delivered me. Oh, such an unworthy one am I. But, praise the Lord, "He lifted me." Hallelujah! Glory!

Space will not permit of minute details, only enough to warn people as John, the beloved disciple, does in 1 John 4:1. "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God."

God had been calling unto my soul. He had something He wanted me to do for Him. My heart went out in great waves of longing and searching; so much so that I was caught with guile by the enemy, that evil one "who goeth about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour."

I was first led into Spiritualism from a desire to investigate for myself; not for one moment had I any idea that I would ever believe in it, let alone accept it. I really don't think I did. It was not the thought of Spiritualism, but the thought that I was living closer to God. It began this way. I had a sister who believed in it thoroughly. For years she had repeatedly asked me to go with her to some of their meetings, but I refused over and over again. I would have nothing whatever to do with it. At this fatal time I was spending my summer vacation with her. The question came up again and she had been telling me how our departed father, mother, sister and brother, as well as other relatives and friends would come to us and we could hear their voices and so on, that there were spirit guides sent to teach us how to live upon this earth, in this life if we desired them. They would also instruct us concerning business propositions as well as in the spiritual life, that that was their work.

I made up my mind that I would accompany her to some of their meetings never realizing any harm would come to me. So we went, and two other friends joined us, to a home where they had an upper room set aside for this particular work, not used for any other purpose. There they held their seances twice a week. Something like a private school, only a special few would attend regularly. She explained that the spirits would speak through a medium. She said the spirits would give them such fine sermons and lectures. First one, then another would lecture to them. These were spoken to them through this medium. The spirits of our loved ones would be all about us, we could feel their presence, each one's own dear ones coming to them, and so on.

It was at the first meeting, where I was taken in or deceived. That was the only time I ever attended any of their seances, though I did attend three or four meetings where persons would make written requests and the spirit would make known through the medium before opening the letters just what was in it, who from, their request and all about it. Then the medium would hand the letter to any one in the audience to open and read, to see if it were not as the spirit had made it known to them.

I started out with the desire to investigate for myself. Therefore, I made up my mind if any spirit came to me and wanted to talk with me I would converse with him through the medium. It was during the evening after hearing messages given to friends present, that there came a message direct to me. From the message I realized that I was known to the spirits. How, I did not know. I was completely surprised when this information was made known through the medium. He said, "We have with us to-night a stranger, Mrs. A. J. Seccombe, who is a teacher in an Indian Gov't. School at Fort Hall, Idaho. I am sent to ask her whether she would not like to have a spirit guide to help her in her Christian life, into a closer walk with GOD." I said, "Yes, I certainly would." After conversing a little longer this spirit said to me through the medium, "Before the evening is over I will secure a spirit guide for you and let you know." He departed and others present communicated through this medium with their departed ones. Presently the same voice came again through the medium. This time he told me when I was expecting to return to my school. (And it was just as he had said.) "You are alone, but I will be with you all the way, you will not know that I am with you." Then followed instructions as to what I should do. I was to take my BIBLE, read and study it, have my prayers and devotion to God, just as I had always done. It will be in that, which I am to instruct and guide you.

I went back to my duties and continued just as I always had. It was about two weeks after I went back before I had any manifestation of anything unusual come to me. (There were no mediums anywhere near me, and unless this spirit made me a medium to myself I can't understand it.) It was time for my evening reading and devotion. A voice spoke to me and said, "Take your BIBLE, turn to such and such a place. It was the 27th Psalm. That beautiful Psalm of perfect trust and courage and God's deliverance, and so on. Blessed be God! Oh, Glory to God! Glory to Jesus! He said (as I remember so well), "You don't understand that chapter, do you?" I replied, "No I do not, all of it." Then I prayed. This kept up and our acquaintance began to grow till finally we would converse at any time with each other no matter who was present. Thus I was led on and on till within me I was thoroughly convinced that it was God Himself. Through my longing for more of Jesus, more of God, Satan, knowing my heart, took this way to deceive me and lure me on and on. He knew my heart's longings.

What would you think, brother, sister in Christ Jesus, if a spirit or voice would tell you everything you ever did from babyhood to the present moment, both good and bad? Bring to your mind things you had forgotten and remembered no more? Tell you all about your own dear ones, your trials and sorrows, discouragements and what caused them, your life, things that you knew that only you and your God knew? The spirit even told me of my great longings for souls for the kingdom of God, and told me of my own dear little missionary in far off Turkey, who she was and about her work. You, too, would do some hard thinking. I could go on and on but I feel this will give you an idea HOW and WHY I was lead into Spiritualism. I was in it without knowing it. CAUGHT, TRAPPED, CAGED. I was certainly ignorant of the mighty power of Satan. Why, beloved, I never knew he would speak to you, just like a human voice, as it were. I had always thought that only God, our loving Heavenly Father, could speak to you by that still quiet, inner voice. There was where I was deceived, and in the closer walk with God, the only true living God, our Father who art in heaven, I realize now as never before what Paul meant in Eph. 6:10-18. "To stand against the wiles of the devil."

He came and spoke to me by (what seemed to me) that unmistakable voice for I had never, in all my searchings, reaching after God, had heard, that audible voice., I took it to be that sweet, quiet inner voice of the Lord. I said, "Surely this is the voice of God speaking unto me." Then came that voice saying, "I am God, I am the God of Abraham, of Isaac and of Jacob. I am the God of all HEAVEN AND EARTH. Then I said again, "Surely this is no other than the voice of God." I answered it and said, "Yes, Lord, I'll do what you want me to do, I'll say what you want me to say, I'll go where you want me to go, only be Thou with me."

I felt so confident it was God, that I had at once COMPLETE TRUST IN HIM. But as I said in the beginning, the evil one caught me with guile. Oh! let me warn you who read this BEWARE! BEWARE!! B-E-W-A-R-E!!! He used the blessed, sacred WORD OF GOD to deceive me. He knew my heart's longing and searching for a closer walk with God, that He could use me for His glory, the glory of Jesus, thus he wooed me on and on and on.

Oh! beloved, it was an EVIL SPIRIT, the power of Satan as was revealed to me later on. Oh! with all of this, God, our Merciful heavenly Father, never entirely forsook His child. He was watching over me, but had taken His hands off for a season. I had taken the matter into my own hands and had chosen the pathway. God allowed me to go on and on. I was still one of the branches that needed pruning. This spirit or power had full sway over me for nearly six months. I obeyed his voice and was led here and there. That voice was constantly with me, morning, noon and night, a constant companion conversing at any moment with me. We took the precious WORD, read and re-read different parts of it. He had me sing the lovely sacred songs and my heart went out in great love to feel that God was so close and within me in reality.

Oh! how thankful to God, my loving heavenly Father, for keeping a flame of love and yearning for Jesus in my heart who I supposed at that time was with me. Oh! blessed, blessed Jesus! He (God) was showing me that not a promise this evil one had made to me was fulfilled. Nor was it.

I was given grace and power by our loving, patient, suffering Saviour, and God, our Father, to speak boldly and say to this evil spirit, "You are not God." He would acquiesce and say, "No, I am not God." Afterwards he would wind me around his finger and win me over and over again, saying it was testing times for me to see if I would stand firm and true or not, no matter what came." How I would love to relate everything but space will not permit. Then came the time when he told me that I did not need to read my Bible so much, as I had committed so much to memory. Again he would say, "You don't need to keep always praying to God for you are constantly in communion with me." But I continued reading my Bible and praying just the same. Praise God. Hallelujah. Oh! how I tremble now at what would have been my fate had I not that great love for Jesus, and kept looking up to Him. Glory, Glory to Jesus! My precious Saviour. "He lifted me." Yes, He lifted me and took my feet out of the miry clay and placed them upon the ROCK, the sure foundation. "The LORD'S hand is not shortened that it cannot save, neither his ear heavy that it cannot hear." Blessed be His holy name! Hallelujah to Jesus!

Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, this was no other than SPIRITUALISM. OH! OH! BEWARE! BEWARE!! B-E-W-A-R-E!!! I warn people against this belief, and I pray you who read this will warn them, too, against having any thing to do with them whatever. Shun them as you would a rattle snake. I give God all the glory through Jesus Christ for my deliverance. He is the way, the truth, and the life. The good Shepherd who sought after the one who had wandered away (though not intentionally) who became stranded, caught among the thorns and briers traveling by the way, found and lifted me up into His loving, strong arms that rescued me. Glory! Hallelujah!! That precious promise, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee" was true in my case, even though that evil one quoted this same passage to me over and over.

I know now that God, the one true living God, hath delivered me. Hallelujah! I can trace and see the loving hand of God in it all. It was best that I had this experience, not only for my own sake, but God has used it to rescue my own darling sister who had such faith in Spiritualism. Oh, I praise the blessed Lord Jesus. She, now, has accepted the only way and that is PENTECOST, and is now seeking her baptism of the Holy Ghost. Oh! that I could be an instrument in God's hands of not only rescuing one, but each loved one, friend and neighbor, relative, home or abroad, to see Jesus in Pentecost, to be ready for His soon coming again.

It would not be right to you, or justice to myself, or praise to my blessed Overcomer, Jesus, if I stopped here and failed to tell you how the loving nail print hands of Jesus reached out and drew me to Him. Oh! the blessedness and love of our precious Saviour. It seemed as if God must have said to this evil one, "THUS FAR AND NO FARTHER."

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## STOP THEM BIG DRIVES

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Such as this will not set well with the "dry folks." They will think I am "beside myself." And I have no time to blame them for thinking so or telling them they are mistaken. I am too busy with the fire and glory that blazes and glows all around. I want it to burn and shine in every one of you. Good night and God bless you all!

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